

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

AWEP Republican River WCD

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: AWEP Republican River WCD		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Convert land from irrigated farming to dryland farming?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Increase groundwater recharge in an identified groundwater depletion area (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Implement irrigation water management (IWM-449)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Conserve water in a project located within an approved AWEP priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Reduce water use consistent with State law or where the applicant agrees not to use any associated water savings to bring new land under irrigation production?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Mitigate the effects of drought in a project located within a designated AWEP exceptional drought (D-4) area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Maintain return flow irrigation for existing wildlife habitat and pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reduce depletion or sources of pollution to groundwater?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project:	
4. a. Result in implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Leverage financial resources from an AWEP partner to implement conservation practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Improve existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Fund a “joint application” from multiple producers which address priorities of an approved AWEP project area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the proposed project reduce irrigation-induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archaeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the predominant water source to be retired under AWEP a Surface water right?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the predominant water source to be retired under AWEP a Ground water right?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the land to be converted to Perennial Vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the land to be converted to Dryland Cropping?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: